



Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A holding base system comprising
[[a]] at least one base unit including:
a platform having a top surface and a bottom surface with a V-notch
formed in the bottom surface and extending across said platform;
means for securing said V-notch of said platform to a tubular surface;
an exteriorly splined shaft extending from said top surface of said
platform; and
[[an]] at least one article holder including:
an interiorly splined socket fitting over and cooperating with said
exteriorly splined shaft; and
bifurcated arms fixed at and extending from opposite sides of said
interiorly splined socket.
2. (Previously Presented) A holding base system as in Claim 1, wherein the
bifurcated arms each have at least one flexible vane fixed thereto and extending inwardly
towards the opposite one of said bifurcated arms and towards said socket.
3. (Currently Amended) A holding base system as in Claim 1, ~~further including~~
wherein said at least one base unit comprises a pair of base units;
connector means interconnecting said pair of base units;
said at least one article holder comprises an article holder secured to each of said
base units; and
means for adjusting the angular relationship of at least one of said article holders
relative to the base unit to which said one article holder is secured.
4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously Presented) A holding base system as in Claim 1 including a plurality of flexible vanes on each of said bifurcated arms and each said vane extending inwardly from an arm towards the other said arm and downwardly towards the socket.

6-8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously Presented) A holding base system as in Claim 1, further including means for securing an article inserted downwardly between the bifurcated arms.

10. (Canceled)

11. (New) A holding base system comprising
a base unit including
a platform having a top surface and a bottom surface with a V-notch formed in the bottom surface and extending across said platform, said v-notch having converging side surfaces defined within the platform;
an attachment device configured to secure said V-notch of said platform to a tubular surface, wherein the attachment device maintains the tubular surface in contact with the converging side surfaces of the V-notch;
an exteriorly splined shaft extending from said top surface of said platform; and
an article holder including
an interiorly splined socket fitting over and cooperating with said exteriorly splined shaft; and
bifurcated arms fixed at and extending from opposite sides of said interiorly splined socket.

12. (New) A holding base system as in Claim 11, wherein the bifurcated arms each have at least one flexible vane fixed thereto and extending inwardly towards the opposite one of said bifurcated arms and towards said socket.

13. (New) A holding base system as in Claim 11, further including

a pair of base units;
connector means interconnecting said pair of base units;
an article holder secured to each of said base units; and
means for adjusting the angular relationship of at least one of said article holders
relative to the base unit to which said one article holder is secured.

14. (New) A holding base system as in Claim 11 including
a plurality of flexible vanes on each of said bifurcated arms and each said vane
extending inwardly from an arm towards the other said arm and downwardly towards the socket.

15. (New) A holding base system as in Claim 11, further including means for
securing an article inserted downwardly between the bifurcated arms.